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Dear Sylvia,

Having just returned from Philadelphia where we layed a scholarly, tendentious eggs, I fear, I simply must as the very first thing after taking my bag from the car acknowledge the accuracy of your comment on Vince Salandria's fine character. He and his wife were very kind. We had but dittle time to really talk, and it was therefore less organized that I suppose we'd both have liked, but we did get to exchange some ideas. He is really a very "big" person, apparently at least that honest, and I am confident he does regret the harm he did me, the error of which he freely admitted. He also did at least as much as one might expect to rectify this.

Thanks for your note about the WNEW-TV program. I hope you can get to hear it, as I will not. I'd especially appreciate any critical comments you may have, for I want to improve my use of this medium. Bear in mind the character the program assumed, for what might be appropriate for one situation might not for another, and plesse tell me if in your opinion I made any gross errors in my manner and approach, if there were any real opportunities I missed, etc., and anything you think might in a similar situation in the future might make it better.

Curtis Crawford was a placid, long-winded, repitious fillibusterer who consistently misinterpreted and distorted. I shall never again agree to such a format. As a matter of fact, I did not in this case agree to it. I feel it is deadening, had and expressed that feeling in the studio, and had it confirmed to me by two strong partisans, both well-educated professionals both of whom were put, literally to sleep by these long and essentially dull and unuseful disertations. Jack Mckinney is a very fine and decent guy who leaned over so far backward to be fair to Curtis he didn't realize untilx it was too late how much he was hurting me. He did speak to me of it and apologized, privately, after the program. I am hoping they'll have a tape for me. Vince said he thought he could make one. I am very sorry I have none of the Long John one. If you can provide one, our machine xx is of 1 7/8 and 3 3/4 speed, and at the slower speed, with ex 1200 or 1800 ft reel of half-mil mylar, the entire show will fit on both sides of a single 5-inch reel, the largest our s will take.

The latest word from the printer is that we'll have the first of the next printing Tuesday. I'm expecting a Wall St. Journal story next week, too, and when it is out I shall have to gather up what reviews and comments I can and make up a sheet for the distributors to send out with their monthly billings.

Thanks, and do let me know what you think.

Harold